

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **BEDELL, Daniel Wayne**

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(60717-341701)**

**FOR (TITLE): ION MILL PROCESS WITH SACRIFICIAL MASK LAYER
TO FABRICATE POLE TIP FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner Tugbang:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination. A Final Office Action has been issued dated 12/26/2007, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 3/26/2008. A petition and fee are attached for a 1-month extension of time are included, bringing the period for response to 4/26/08. This response is being filed electronically on April 11, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.